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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM FREIGHT FLIGHTS

1. ACTING DIRECTOR PANAM CARACAS INQUIRING STATUS OF PANAM REQUEST REGARDING FREIGHT SERVICE FREQUENCY INCREASES BEGINNING OCTOBER 25, 1974.

2. APPARENTLY, PANAM INTENDS TO INCREASE FREIGHT SERVICE MIAMI-MAIQUETIA-MIAMI BY THREE FREQUENCIES A WEEK AND MIAMI-BARRANQUILLA-MARACAIBO-MIAMI BY ONE FREQUENCY. FURTHERMORE, THERE WILL BE A CAPACITY INCREASE IN NEW YORK-MAIQUETIA SERVICE BY REPLACEMENT OF 707 FOR 747 ON THREE WEEKLY FLIGHTS.

3. IT IS TOO LATE TO MEET THE 30-DAY DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING THESE INCREASES, BUT PANAM CARACAS HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW YORK TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THESE ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION REGARDING PANAM'S SERVICES TO VENEZUELA, EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER THESE INCREASES MIGHT NOT BETTER BE CAMOUFLAGED AS EXTRA SECTIONS INSTEAD OF BECOMING SCHEDULED SERVICES UNDER THE PRE-SCREENING SYSTEM WITH OUR NOTIFICATION TO GOV BEING LIMITED TO THE CAPACITY INCREASE CAUSED BY LARGER EQUIPMENT. A GOV PROTEST IS NOT EXPECTED FOR THIS INCREASE, AS GOV IS ALREADY AWARE THAT 747 FREIGHTERS WILL START SERVICE AND THEY MIGHT BE RECONCILED TO THIS. EMBASSY FEELS HOWEVER, THAT GOV WILL PROTEST THE FREQUENCY INCREASES WHICH WOULD NOT HELP IN KEEPING

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